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Draft report of Working Group I on agenda item 4

1. At its 355th plenary meeting, on 4 April 2016, the Disarmament Commission adopted its agenda for its substantive session of 2016 (A/CN.10/L.76) and decided to allocate to Working Group I agenda item 4, entitled "Recommendations for achieving the objective of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation of nuclear weapons".

2. The Working Group, chaired by Kairat Abdrakhmanov (Kazakhstan), held 12 meetings, from 6 to 20 April 2016. The Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management served as the secretariat of the Working Group. The Office for Disarmament Affairs served as adviser to the Working Group.

3. The Working Group held extensive discussions on agenda item 4.

4. At the 1st and 2nd meetings, on 6 April 2016, delegations exchanged views and made various proposals on the Chair's conference room paper (A/CN.10/2015/WG.I/CRP.1) and discussion paper on approaches for nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation dated 23 April 2015.

5. At the 3rd and 4th meetings, on 8 April 2016, delegations continued to exchange views and made various proposals on the Chair's conference room paper (A/CN.10/2015/WG.I/CRP.1) dated 23 April 2015.

6. At the 5th meeting, on 12 April 2016, the Chair introduced his revised non-paper dated 11 April 2016. At the 5th and 6th meetings, on 12 April 2016, the delegations exchanged views and made various proposals on the Chair's revised non-paper.

7. At the 7th and 8th meetings, on 14 April 2016, the delegations continued to exchange views and made various proposals on the Chair's revised non-paper dated 11 April 2016.

8. At the 9th and 10th meetings, on 18 April 2016, the delegations exchanged views and made various proposals on the Chair's second revised non-paper dated 17 April 2016.

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9. At the 11th and 12th meetings, on 20 April 2016, the delegations continued to exchange views and made various proposals on the Chair's revised non-paper dated 17 April 2016.

10. Following discussions by the Working Group, the Chair decided to issue the Chair's non-paper dated 17 April 2016 under his own responsibility and without prejudice to the position of any delegation, given that A/CN.10/2016/WG.1/CRP.1, in his view, could form a basis for further discussions during the inter-sessional period and at the 2017 substantive session of the Commission.

11. The following documents were presented to Working Group I:

(a) Working paper submitted by Indonesia on behalf of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries (A/CN.10/2016/WG.I/WP.1);

(b) Working paper submitted by the States members of the League of Arab States (A/CN.10/2016/WG.I/WP.2);

(c) Working paper submitted by Australia on behalf of Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Spain (A/CN.10/2016/WG.I/WP.3), and subsequently Norway and Turkey associated themselves with the working paper;

(d) Working papers submitted by Japan on behalf of the Group of Seven (A/CN.10/2016/WG.I/WP.4 and A/CN.10/2016/WG.I/WP.5).

12. The Working Group recorded its appreciation to the Chair and the Secretariat.

13. At its 12th meeting, on 20 April 2016, the Working Group considered and adopted by consensus its report on agenda item 4. It also decided to make available the document mentioned in paragraph 10 of its report to the 2017 substantive session of the Commission.